REMARKS

Claims 1-13, 15-16 and 18-24 are pending in this application of which claims 1-13, 15-16 and 18-23 have been allowed pursuant to the Notice of Allowance dated May 10, 2004. Claim 24 has been newly added. Care has been taken to avoid the introduction of new matter. Consideration of this new claim is respectfully solicited.

It is noted that the Examiner has renumbered the allowed claims. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner maintain the original numbering for consistency throughout this prosecution history.

None of the references cited under claim rejections in previous office actions, alone or in combination, teaches each and every element of claim 24. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned should the examiner wish to conduct an Examiner's interview, with regard to previously cited prior art, to expedite prosecution of this case.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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